Suicide squads raised by Pakistan

1782. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Patriot dated 25th July, 1990 to the effect that Pakistans raised suicide squad to intilterate into Kashmir and cause internal disturbances as revealed by some captured Militants;

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with Pakistan; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been conveyed to the Governmnet of Pakistan in clear and unambiguous terms that its support to terrorism and subversion in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir is in violation of the Simla Agreement and all accepted norms of inter-State conduct. This support is also the root cause of the present tensions in our bilateral relations.

(c) Pakistan has not yet abandoned its dangerous and negative policy. Government, however, continues to impress on the Government of Pakistan the urgent need to stop their involvement in India in the interests of peace and good neighbourings between the two countries.

ABSU movement for Bodoland

1783. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have failed to prevail upon the All Bodo Students Union to give up its movement for a separate Bodoland; and

(b) if so, what is Government's strategy to deal with the issue.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Discussions between the All Bodo Students' Union, and the Government of Assam with the participation of the Central Government are still continuing with a view to working out an amicable solution to the problems of Bodos in Assam.

Legal action against Sir Richard Attenborough for failure to transfer the profits from film "Gandhi"

1784. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to take legal action against Sir Richard Attenborough for his failure to transfer Rs. 4 crores or five per cent of the profits from his film 'Gandhi', as per the agreement signed with National Film Development Corporation in 1981; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) The Government is seized of the problem and has been making its best efforts to resolve the dispute regarding crediting of 5 per cent of net profits from the film 'GANDHI to the Cine Artistes Welfare Fund.

Telegrams in regional languages

1785. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some regional languages apart from Hindi and English have been approved by the department of Communications for sending telegrams;